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Berkeley County Public Service Sewer District Approved For Wastewater Extension Funds

Morgantown, WV – July 31, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$500,000 for Berkeley County Public Service Sewer District, Berkeley County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend wastewater service to approximately 1,605 new residential and commercial users within Berkeley County.

This funding is a subsequent loan to complete a total Rural Development loan of \$25,604,000; there was \$25,104,000 obligated in Fiscal Year 2003.

Steptoe stated, "A large wastewater extension is needed within the area due to recent increases in population and light industry."

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